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### **Rep. Hovey: Culture and Tourism Commission Okays Grants for Monroe Historical Society, Fanfare Concerts**



The state Commission on Culture and Tourism has approved grants for the Monroe Historical Society and Fanfare Concerts Ltd., Inc., of Monroe, state Representative DebraLee Hovey, R-112th District, announced today.

The grant for Fanfare Concerts totals \$3,000 and will be used to promote Baroque Music resources for fourth grade students in Monroe public schools. The grant for the Monroe Historical Society amounts to \$2,000 and will be used to support production of a 'Trolley Through Time' tour of Historic Monroe and Stepney, Representative Hovey said.

"For many years, Fanfare Concerts has performed Baroque Music concerts for students in Monroe's public schools," Representative Hovey said. "This grant will help Fanfare Concerts with its mission to acquaint another generation of young people with the rich musical heritage of Baroque music."

Fanfare Concerts is dedicated to the research, publication, performance and recording of Baroque music composed prior to the 19th Century, much of which is available only in handwritten manuscripts that the group researches, transcribes, records, and performs for audiences in Connecticut and elsewhere in the United States, Representative Hovey said.

"Many of Monroe and Stepney's historic structures were built during the Colonial, Federal and Victorian eras, including homes, churches and public buildings," Representative Hovey said. "The Trolley Through Time tours this grant will help make possible will connect residents and young people with their roots in Monroe's past and encourage more people to visit and experience our town's unique architectural and cultural treasures."